



*Town Of Bristol
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Letter of support and commitment from Bristol Town Council.

The Bristol Town Council has invested \$300,000 in preliminary engineering, feasibility studies, public meetings, and land acquisition to provide a safe pedestrian and bike rider connection between our main street and Congdon Park. Congdon Park is now used for two major festivals each year and hosts many other smaller events. The current access to the park from main street is along a narrow sidewalk adjacent to a primary arterial street with average daily traffic counts exceeding 10,000 vehicles. This traffic volume is comprised of both passenger vehicles and commercial traffic.

The new pedestrian bridge will provide greatly enhanced safety for families parking downtown and walking to the park to attend festivals or to enjoy the park amenities. Additionally, it will become a critical connection component for the county's plan to develop a community-wide pedestrian/bike pathway. This pedestrian bridge provides a critical access point to cross the St Joseph River.

The Town Council fully supports this project and is committing an additional \$250,000 of funding to the project.

Sincerely,

Jeff Beachy

Town Council President